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Cadets stand at attention amidst wreaths and crosses during Remembrance Day ceremonies in Minden on Nov. 11. See more photos on page 27.

Summer ice not worth the risk

By Mark Arkle

It's looking like the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden will be devoid of ice next summer.

At a Nov. 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting, council received a recommendation from John Rogers, interim community services director, to discontinue the summer ice program due to the stresses it is placing on the building and equipment.

"We just had a real concern that the building's lifespan will be shortened," said Rogers.

His report states that township staff have indicated that the arena and ice plant were never built for summer ice use. Former community services director, Rick Cox, submitted a report to council in January that outlined the problems.

"Despite recent upgrades to reduce energy requirements, establishing and maintaining good quality ice in July and August requires significant consumption of hydro," states Cox's report. "Current dehumidification capacity is not ideal for high-humidity situations which can create condensation and moisture issues."

Cox also pointed out that the arena lacks a "warm floor" capacity to prevent frost build-up below the ice floors. The existing back-up generator doesn't have the capacity to run the ice plant, so an extended power outage would result in the ice sheet melting, he said.

At that time, Cox recommended that summer ice continue for 2012 in order to avoid potential legal action from Troy Binnie, owner of Camp Hockey Haven. A decision to cancel

summer ice then would have negatively impacted Binnie's business, advised Cox.

Rogers said that while the cancellation of summer ice would result in a loss of revenue for the township, it would prove more cost effective than keeping the program running.

"If we take summer ice out we will be putting ourselves in a situation where we will not have as much revenue in the budget for the recreation department," he said. "However, the long-term impacts of summer ice are quite significant."

It is estimated the loss of revenue would amount to \$37,000 in ice rental fees. However, that would be offset by reductions of energy costs of approximately \$15,000 and new rental fees of approximately \$4,000.

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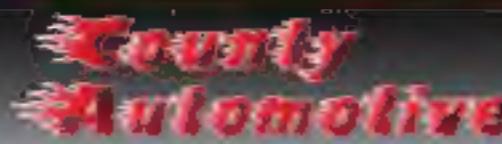
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Minden nears completion of official plan

By Mark Arke

A draft of Minden Hill's official plan will soon be available for public viewing.

"We've made a lot of headway," said consultant Chris Jones during a Nov. 8 committee-of-the-whole-meeting. "Full credit goes to the planning committee. We've had some very engaging and informative sessions. We've covered a lot of ground, which brings us to this point."

In his report, Jones said that council is now in a position to receive the draft official plan and make it available for public review and comment.

"Key changes and considerations have been made through the official plan amendment," said Jones, adding that input from the public had been received through open houses. The feedback revealed that certain areas of policy in the current plan needed more attention.

Jones said he broke the official plan down to six fundamental areas. These include: the purpose, vision and planning principles, urban land use designations, rural land use designations, general development policies and the implementation section.

In order to finalize the official plan, Jones said the township

must hold at least one additional public open house and one statutory public meeting of council before the draft can be revised to address any outstanding concerns and submitted to the County of Haliburton for approval.

"In receiving that draft, what that enables staff to do is circulate that to our eight agencies under the planning act regulation and the County of Haliburton, which is our approval authority," he said.

Jones added that it would be ideal if the official plan were adopted by next spring.

"What that means is we would establish a four-month comment period. Within those four months we would hold our open house and our statutory meeting."

Should members of council wish to see changes made to the document, Jones suggested they pass a resolution at their Nov. 25 meeting.

"My suggestion is that within that timeframe we've allocated for public consultation, that should any other requests, concerns or comments from any members of council come up, that those be voted through the planning committee chair and then be filtered to me and to staff."

Based on the timeline, Reeve Barb Reid suggested that the public meeting could be held sometime in January.



By Matthew Oostendorp

Business donates to community initiatives

Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. continues to give back to the Haliburton Community. On Nov. 1, the company and its staff donated three \$1,000 cheques to local initiatives, including Food for Kids, Fuel for Warmth and the Artists in the Schools program.

Parker Pad president Janis Parker made a commitment three years ago, when the company started in the area, to give back to the community. Starting with a \$1,000 donation, she vowed to increase donations in increments of \$1,000 for every year the company is in business.

In the first year, SIRCH Community Services received \$1,000 for the community kitchen program. The Haliburton Creative Business Incubator received \$2,000 last year.

"My staff and I felt it was important to give back to the community that supports us," she said. "There are so many organizations doing good work in Haliburton County. We recognize the difference they make."

Pictured above, from left: Lindsay MacLean and Joanne Barnes of Fuel for Warmth, Al Spencer, Mark Arke, Nancy Houghton, Marianne Davis, Aaron Walker of Food for Kids, Kelsey Parker, Gall Sheller of Artists in the Schools, Joe Boisjoly, Maureen James and Chris Lynd, chair of the Arts Council.

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Minden looks at alternatives for arena

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Rental uses, he said, could include indoor events and sports activities such as ball hockey and lacrosse.

"In Ontario and the surrounding areas, lacrosse has been a huge sport. For some reason, it hasn't taken off in Haliburton County."

With the cancellation of summer ice Rogers reported that there would be capital savings, including \$80,000 that would have to be spent on a new back-up generator, \$50-

000 for two additional dehumidifiers and \$22,000 for an ice controller system.

Reeve Barb Reid said that according to township staff, summer ice was only being booked half of its available time.

"That's right," said Rogers.

Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath concurred with Rogers's recommendation.

"I've been thinking for quite some time about what damage we might be doing to the arena," he said.

Council is expected to make a decision on the matter at their Nov. 29 meeting.



By Matthew Destrude

Smile for Places for People

Fay Martin (left) and Max Ward from Places for People accept a donation from Minden Tim Hortons owner Nancy Bishop, manager Debbie Rouble and Joanna Rouble for \$1,410.

The donation comes from money raised through the Tim Hortons Smile Cookies campaign earlier this year.

The funds will be used by Places for People to pay down the second mortgage. \$55,000 provided by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) on their Camarvon property. They are paying down the mortgage in \$10,000 chunks, Martin said. This donation will allow them to make their second payment to the HCDC.

The property's primary mortgage, \$127,500, was provided by an anonymous donor. The Camarvon property opened on June 29, 2012.

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Editorial opinion

Up a creek

I decided to take my canoe out the other day.

Paddling down the river, I came around a bend to find a poorly constructed bridge blocking my way. It takes out some cyclists, decided to connect the trail on one side of the river with the other so they wouldn't have to wait for water levels to drop enough to ride.

Sure, the bridge is convenient for them. But how am I expected to continue my canoe trip? Surely I can't paddle around a solid wooden bridge in the middle of the river, and portaging alone sounds like an invitation to disease.

As a Canadian, it's my right to navigate these waters without being impeded by structures such as this. So upon my return home, I decided to look into what my options were.

Unfortunately, there's actually little I could do but sue the culprits to have them remove the bridge. Looking at my bank account, that's unlikely to happen as the litigation would be at my expense.

Ok, so that's not a story that really happened. But thanks to the government's changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) in their new omnibus budget Bill C-46, it could happen to any of us very soon.

In a misguided attempt to cut through red tape and eliminate 'redundant' protections for lakes, the federal government has changed the act to the new Navigable Protection Act (NPA) and made a list of lakes, rivers and oceans that will be protected. Of all the navigable waterways in Canada – those are waterways that can be navigated by canoe, boat, or other floating transport – only about one per cent are on this list, compared to 100 per cent under the old Act.

One per cent of all waterways in Canada. That's it.

Look around Haliburton, because none of the lakes you see here are protected anymore.

The Highlands, which depends on its waterways for its entire economy, is threatened by this Act. In a nutshell, the changes make anyone with the desire to build on the water can do so, without any sort of legislation in place to protect against impediments to navigation.

And these impediments aren't limited to physical structures.

For years, people have been complaining about poor water management along the Trent Severn. We saw why this summer, with the study slowdown that impacted so many cottagers and waterways in the area.

Without a piece of legislation to protect our right to navigate all of these waters, where we live, work and play, what's to stop our southern neighbours from taking and taking and taking from the TSW, leaving our lakes and rivers dry?

It's hard to navigate a bone-dry waterway.

But without the NWPA, we're on our own. Waterfront property owners could potentially sue, but who is really responsible?

While our MP, Barry Devolin, said other forms of regulation

such as environmental assessments could be used to protect navigation, the truth is there are no precedents for that. If a dock doesn't negatively impact the environment, but could impact navigation, it is reasonable to suggest the project would pass an environmental assessment.

The government has said that common law will protect our right to navigate – it is a Canadian right, by the way – but of course common law only takes effect after the fact, and on your dime.

What they mean to say is, if you really care that much, and if you've got deep enough pockets to litigate, then after the damage has been done you can try to reverse it. That seems like a lot of time and money to spend removing something that could have been prevented in the first place. It's ironic when the government is saying it's trying to save time and money by deregulating. For them, perhaps, but not for us.

And while the feds are saying the original act was never meant to address environmental concerns, the Supreme Court of Canada has said otherwise as recently as 1992, when it referred to the NWPA in its ruling on *Friends of the Oldman River Society v. Canada*.

Under the NWPA, an environmental assessment was triggered anytime a project might have had an impact on navigation. It was a dimension of the act that protected our environment as well as our navigation rights.

The answer from Ottawa on why this has been removed is that we already have several environmental acts that should protect the lakes, so we don't need another; it's redundant. Incidentally, they also say common law is sufficient to protect our right to navigate.

If the federal government truly has that much confidence in the common law and existing environmental legislation, then why is the NPA and its protected lakes list needed at all?

The truth is, the NWPA may have added time and money to the process of developing on lakes and rivers, but it worked. And it worked for all navigable waters, not just ones identified in an offsite somewhere based on a formula.

So next time you're out on your canoe, make sure you check your route in advance. You would hate to get stuck upriver, and have to carry it home on your head.



By Matthew Devolin, MP

A powerful stench

Whenever I book a vacation rental car, I make sure to check that it can be cancelled without penalty. Stuff happens, and you never know — you might have to change your plans, as I had to do a couple of weeks ago when a family emergency happened, literally on my way to the airport. Lucky for me, I could call off the car reservation at no charge.

Also lucky for me is that I'm not a member of Dalton McGuinty's (equally) MIA-government. If I were, I might have had to pay not just the cost of the rental, but twice the value of the entire car.

I'm referring of course to the Mississauga power plant cancellation, in which the province somehow was on the hook for not just money that had already been spent, but for about \$150 million in penalties, paid to hedge funds in the United States and (surprise) the Cayman Islands.

The problem started in 2005, when a company called Eastern Power was selected to build a \$260 million power plant. If you've never heard of Eastern Power, that's because they don't have much of a track record. Prior to being the beneficiary of the McGuinty government's largess, Eastern, ran out of a four-story building in a mostly-industrial area of western Toronto, had completed projects only a tenth of that size. Look for the company offices and you won't find much — I came across a one page, one paragraph website which, to me, usually means you should worry about forking over your e-mail address, never mind a quarter billion bucks.

Eastern did have some experience, with using Ontario Hydro in 1998, another sign that these are people we want as a province to do business with. The claim was for \$121 million, the judge gave them five, calling into question the veracity of Eastern's testimony (unfortunately, the province paid them \$10 million before an appeal was even heard).

Fast forward to 2011, where Eastern finally got financing for the project. It took six years because potential bidders — no fools, they — were sceptical about Eastern's ability to complete the plant. In the end, Eastern had to resort to the Money Mart of finance and ended up paying 14 per cent interest, having to report and prove monthly that they were worthy of the cost advance. Contracts for projects of this size, by the way, usually allow cancellation if the contractor can't get funding in a timely manner, or if it shows any signs of financial difficulty, like not being able to get funding in a timely manner.



The first chunk of change was advanced in May, 2011. The project was cancelled just before the October 2011 provincial election barely six months later. Sorry.

One million of the total had been lost by that point, which you might think would be the maximum penalty anyone would have to pay.

But you are a rational person who probably cares about your finances. Clearly you know nothing about the intricacies of "private-public partnerships."

If you did, you'd understand how sometime, the provincial government agreed to pick up the tab for not just what was advanced, but for all the potential interest the hedge fund would have earned had the project continued to completion. Somebody actually signed a contract that made the taxpayers of Ontario liable not just for losses, but for profits that did not materialize, to companies that were supposedly taking the risk (hence the 14 per cent interest). The total is (at least) \$130 million, enough to put a new CT scanner in every hospital in Ontario, including ours.

That contract would have been read multiple times by government lawyers, possibly by outside counsel as well; it would have been vetted by civil servants and ultimately approved by the minister at the time — Dwight Duncan (strange he's not running for the leadership). And at that dollar value, you can bet Premier Dief was in the loop too. Somehow, none of these people had the common sense or foresight that most of us use when making a car. Why, for instance, didn't the province lend the money itself at three per cent if it was going to guarantee the loan anyway?

I can think of only two explanations for this: either all those civil servants, lawyers and politicians acting on behalf of taxpayers were stupid beyond belief, or something fishy is going on. Maybe that's why this power plant debacle sticks with every a smidgeon to be seen.

The province is apparently still in business with Eastern, for a plant at a new location, though Eastern no longer seems to be in its offices. We've got the Cayman Islands, hedge funds, utility suppliers, and humongous payouts all tied with a big bow.

McGuinty's resignation is starting to make a lot more sense.

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Letters to the editor

Vets not being properly supported

Dear Prime Minister,

I was absolutely appalled to learn that the Last Post Fund is not being adequately funded. Apparently, the maximum amount that is provided for burial services does not cover the mandated funeral costs of a fallen soldier. This is plainly unconscionable.

What makes this even worse is that this has happened under your watch, even as you consistently espouse military support. The following points must be addressed by you and corrected:

The maximum payable for funeral costs has remained constant at \$3,500 even though inflation has increased the costs of a funeral. This means that under your leadership the Last Post funding has actually been reduced, as it no longer even covers the increased burial cost due to inflation.

The government response to this issue in question period was a bald-faced lie. The response was that the Harper government 'stands up for our soldiers'. This is clearly false when your government abandons its soldiers at the time of their death.

You and your ministers continue to use soldiers in photo ops, but provide token support when they need your help most – as when they suffer PTSD and when they die. I must admit that you and your ministers are usually standing during a photo op, but the term 'standing up' means more than merely rising to your feet.

In some cases, more money is available for burying veterans' recipients than is available for burying soldiers.

It is time to stop using members of the armed services for political advantage and begin to give them the support that they need and should have, during the time that they are in uniform, when they are hospitalized, when they are physically or emotionally injured and when they die.

When will you correct these gross injustices and start treating our soldiers with the compassion and dignity that they deserve?

Dennis Choydary
Markham

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The Outsider

I went to the city the other day and everyone I spoke to was horrified.

At first I thought I must have trodden in something smelly, but no. Was it my rural Hicksville dress code of boots, plaid and a blaze orange toque that turned them off? At one point I thought I had it. They were offended by this English guy dropping the occasional 'sh' into his conversation (I was doing it for effect. I haven't assimilated so much yet that 'sh' comes naturally). Alas, again I was off the mark.

It wasn't until one designer-clad acquaintance dry retched and blurted out "Ewwwww, no more horror stories, please!"

Suddenly, I realized what was 'getting their goat', (or pig, or sheep) so to speak. For the last week my Haliburtonian existence has been, hmmm, how shall I put it? Splattered with blood and guts and I was reconstructing it with all too much glee.

You see, it's the time of year when we 'harvest' our animals for meat. Grown on a friend's homestead, our now rather chunky porkers are bundled into a trailer and taken for a ride, their final ride, to the abattoir. Once dispatched, I pick mine up and bring him home whole (yes, it was a him but no we didn't name him anything more touching than Mr. Piggy) so that I can have a stab at the ancient art of butchery.

To do this, the garage is first swathed in plastic and hosed down with disinfectant. Knives – small, larger and cleaver

Stanhope Airport a business opportunity

Dear editor,

I made the decision to come forward in support of Stanhope Airport because I know its development will have far-reaching benefits for the entire county and its residents.

While the Algonquin Highlands' news, council and what appears to be a special interest group have repeatedly lauded the success and contribution of my businesses to the community, they suggest my current position on the importance of the development of the airport including the new runway is without merit.

There has been much comment publicly by those claiming to somehow have cardinal knowledge of my business operations and plans and those who have slandered my family name and the trading names of my companies.

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group will call for new jobs and will require a minimum 4,000 foot runway as this green energy technology is designed to be deployed by air to remote communities, exploration camps, military bases and many other locations world-wide. The approved airport facilities and runway, funded by the provincial and federal governments through a generous Build Canada grant, will support my businesses, those businesses requiring delivery of these products and a multitude of other enterprises looking to establish at a modern airport facility.

The contract to build this new fully-approved, fully-funded airport was awarded (billed) by Algonquin Highlands more than two years ago and is not being honoured. Every day this project is delayed increases the potential harm not only to my businesses but our entire community.

I am a businessman and this is business. It is offensive that anyone would suggest my efforts are intended to manipulate (blackmail) the advancement of this airport. This is absolutely false. Heat-Line products were invented in Haliburton and we intend to continue here but for business to grow, infrastructure needs to advance also.

Leanne Heise
President and CEO
Heat-Line Corporation/LIMITION Corporation

Re: CAP Library Program

Dear Mr. Davelin,

It has come to our attention that the Federal Government has recently announced planned cuts to the program that funds public access computers for public libraries.

This will seriously affect programs in Haliburton County and our club has been approached for assistance to enable them to keep public computer access operating.

In a rural area such as Haliburton, high-speed access is spotty at best and indeed, Wi-Fi is certainly not as accessible as in urban communities. To appreciate this, a visit to one of our libraries on any day would perhaps be eye-opening to see how busy the computers are. Even on a closed day there are many, students included, that come to sit close to the library to do work and research using the available Wi-Fi signal. A college community such as ours means the libraries are a valuable resource and losing the computer services will put

their programs at serious risk.

It is well-known that public access computers are a valuable tool for income and employment related activities and in this current economic climate this is an important consideration.

Our club is willing to pledge assistance to the library for this program but this will only be for 2013 and is unable to enter into an ongoing funding agreement. Any resources we allocate to this would undermine how we are able to assist individuals with the many requests we regularly receive.

We strenuously request further consideration be given to these planned cuts to that rural communities such as Haliburton are not so seriously affected.

Jim Frost
President
The Haliburton and District Lions Club

Making city dwellers sheepish

– a saw, rubber mallet and sharpening steel are laid out on a stainless steel tray and the pig is centre stage on a plastic covered table, his staring eyes and ticks you making him look somewhat macabre. The scene is akin to a serial killer's lair from an episode of *CSI* or *Criminal Minds*.

One FBI officer to another: "He's been experimenting on animals, sergeant. Next it'll be humans. We have to catch him before the killing spree starts!"

And a spook is exactly what it was this year because in addition to Mr. Piggy we also did lamb.

When I say 'did' I mean it, too, because while pigs are rather large and awkward to dispatch, we opted to kill the lambs ourselves, to save money and also really getting to the heart of what it means to eat meat. I have to say that I did not relish the prospect of killing a lamb but with some expert help we carried out the act quickly, as painlessly as possible and with dignity.

Little Z and his young cohorts (children of the other two families involved in the day) were shielded from the killing bit but we were happy to let them be a part of the dressing and butchery. There were some puzzled faces when the once sprightly lambs reappeared from behind the barn hanging upside down from the raised arm of a tractor.

"Are the sheep sleepy?" inspired one little fellow. "No, they're playing swinging," claimed in another.



The kids were undeterred when we told them that the sheep were now dead. I find the little ones are able to take on board such information with surprising ease if it's presented to them in a straightforward fashion, and with the promise of a lamb burger to come.

There was some consternation though, when, while skinning his lamb, our friend told his daughter that he was taking the sheep's pyjamas off.

"With a knife, daddy? That's not nice!" she said and we all fell about laughing.

The day had been a resounding success. Us novice slingers, skinners and butchers had done good and everyone apart from the sheep felt that it had been a rewarding experience.

The city folk, on the other hand, they thought I should be arrested by the FBI (Farmers Bureau of Investigation, maybe). As my city friend flinched again, I smiled to myself in the realization that I should back off with the blow-by-blow descriptions of my rural life. It seems they horrify the trendsetting, pin and toxic swigging urbanites of Toronto just as much as they do my trendy bar-hopping friends in old Londonium.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Where do you plan to do your Christmas shopping?*



Jennifer Abbott

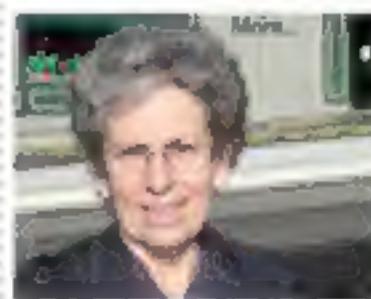
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I do almost all of my shopping locally in Haliburton and try to support our community.

Margaret Hewings

Kawartha Lakes

At home in my kitchen. I am making short bread for over 40 people, but I bought all the ingredients and packages in town.



Philip Primavera

Philip Primavera

Holburner

I like the Haliburton Forest Store, it is especially nice. Shapley's has great clothes too!



Susan Little

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THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: FIELDING

By Matthew Desrosiers

At 62 years of age, Ken Fielding's best days are hardly behind him.

Formerly an owner of two Double Lee fried chicken restaurants in the county, one in Haliburton and the other in Minden, Fielding has since moved on to the more delicate world of wine.

"It's fun," he said. "It's challenging. Extremely challenging, I'd say."

Fielding owns the Fielding Estate Winery in Beamsville. His son, Curtis, is the general manager there and was recently named Grape King (see 'Recognition issue news' page 19).

"Growing grapes in this part of Canada is a challenge," he said. "So you've got the challenge of Mother Nature and everything that's associated with that; drought, heat, too cold and all the rest of it. That's the challenge of making the wine."

"The biggest challenge is probably selling it."

The family purchased a 20-acre peach and pear orchard in 2001. From there, they planted vines and started their operation.

Although very confident in himself, Fielding said there probably was a point when he didn't think the vineyard would actually happen.

"We started with dirt," he said. "There were some really old pear trees on the farm and we took them out. So you plant the vines and wait for them to mature enough to have some grapes, four or five years later. In the meantime, you're buying grapes."

The family's first vintage was in 2002.

"We were really fortunate," he said. "It won a lot of awards. Probably one of the very best wines we ever made. Right out of the shoot, once the winery opened, we had a bit of a track record."

They've come a long way from the days of buying grapes.

Fielding farms 60 acres, which produce around 200 tonnes of grapes come harvest time, he said. That makes 13,000 cases of 12 bottles each, or 156,000 bottles of wine.

"We're not a big winery by any stretch," he said. "But I think our first, the 2002 cabernet, we probably made 50 to 100 cases. So we've grown from that to this, and I guess we're going to keep growing."

Running the winery as a family has come with its challenges, Fielding said. While his son and daughter-in-law run the winery, his wife also helps with the books.

"It can be challenging," said Fielding. "The first few years were maybe the worst. You can fight like cats and dogs, but at the end of the day you have to sit down and have Christmas dinner together."

Fielding said there are different dynamics within the family.

"I've been in business most of my life by myself, so I have ways I want to do things. I'm sure Curtis and Heidi (daughter-in-law) have ways they want to do things."

"My wife ends up playing referee sometimes."

While he does have plans to expand to accommodate growth, Fielding said he doesn't want to get too big.

"I want to) keep doing what we're doing. We don't want to be a mega business or anything," he said. "Just continue on this track, steady growth, something that we can handle."

If the winery continues to win awards and accolades, however, they're going to have to do something to keep up with demand.

"When you win an award for a wine, the wine could sellout," he said. "When you win an award because your vineyard is the best in Ontario (Grape King), it's more of a long term thing so it's hard to put a number on it."

"It won't hurt our business, that's for sure."

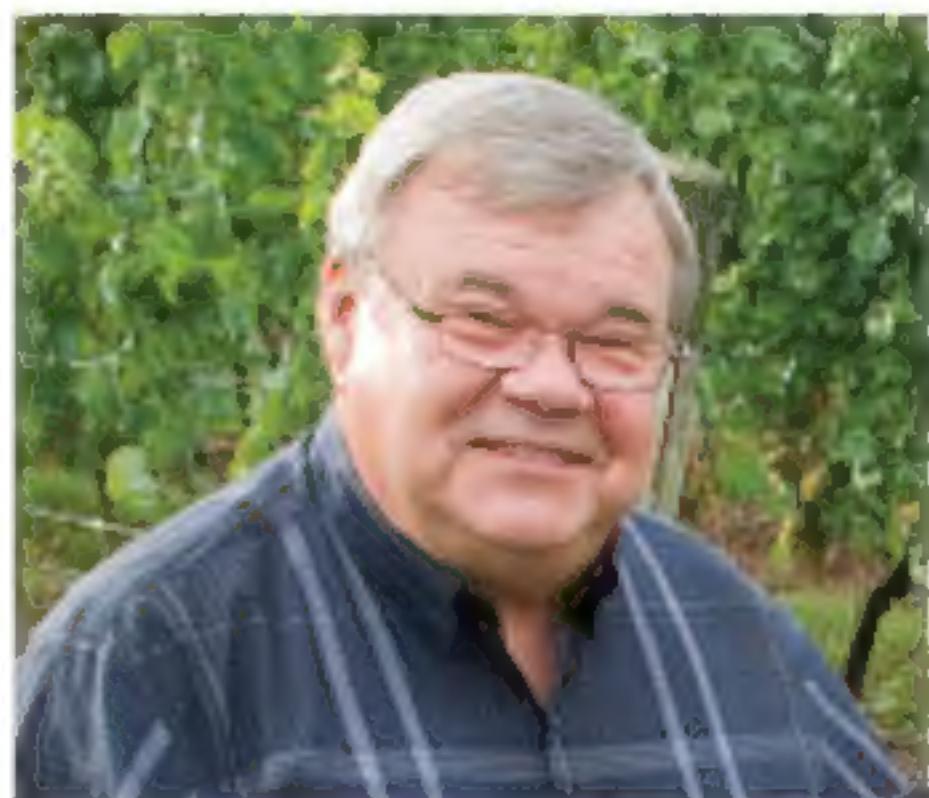


Photo submitted by Ken Fielding

Ken Fielding opened up his winery in 2002.

As an entrepreneur, the decision to move into wine was a risk Fielding was willing to take. His wife thought he was crazy, and his accountant told him to buy a case of wine to get it out of his system.

"I don't know too many accountants who own vineyards. They have their job, and their job is to keep an entrepreneur on the straight and narrow."

But this wasn't Fielding's first time taking a risk in business.

When he thought fried chicken's future wasn't looking too good in the Highlands, he decided to try something different.

"Subway was getting a lot of press at the

time in various trade magazines, and I just answered an ad in the paper."

Over the next 23 years, Fielding developed 220 Subway stores in Ontario.

Now that he's retired, Fielding reflects on his past accomplishments.

"I couldn't have done it without my wife, I know that," he said. "Sometimes she reigns me in a little bit when I need it. That's what good wives do."

But just because he's happy with his winery, doesn't mean Fielding's entrepreneurial days are behind him.

"When I'm in a box, it'll be behind me," he said. "But not until then."



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Highlander news

Strike action underway at HHSS

Teachers turn up heat on administration

By Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teachers are in the midst of a strike action in protest of Bill 115, the *Putting Students First Act*.

Scott Marshall, executive officer with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and provincial office liaison to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), said this is an environment that schools don't need to be in today.

Teachers were called into a meeting in February 2012, where it was indicated the province would be taking a different approach to the bargaining process, he said.

"We were told, 'here's what we expect you to accept and if you don't, likely it will be imposed on you in the end,'" he said. "That's not a process that's ever led to successful negotiations in the past. We identified concerns way back in February with that process."

Marshall said the teachers understand the tough fiscal conditions in the province and have been offering solutions during the entire process.

"The goal was never to go on strike," he said. "At this point in time it is a necessary step to create the pressure that is necessary to really force those discussions that will allow us to come to a resolution in all of this."

Last week, the OSSTF postponed strike action to engage in further talks with the province, but by Nov. 11, no progress had been made. The strike began on Nov. 12.

"We have sanctions that are intended to primarily create administrative pressure," Marshall said. "We have stayed away from sanctions that will affect the learning environment in the classroom, and the intention then is to create that pressure to move things toward resolution,

because that is the outcome that we're looking for."

Sanctions during the strike include but are not limited to not attending staff meetings, not providing coverage for absent administration or colleagues and not accepting any assignment to supervise outside of regular classroom duties.

In response, some school boards, including TLDSB, have given their senior administrators the ability to lock teachers out of the schools if student safety is compromised.

"Our schools are safe," Marshall said. "The statement from the employer is provocative. These sanctions are taking place in many other places and they've taken place in the past. The employer has found a way to manage in that environment."

"Our members are still in the workplace and we still carry the responsibility to address safety if we need. As professionals, that's a responsibility we always carry with us and [it] will stay with us."

Marshall said while teachers may not be taking on additional supervision, they will not turn a blind eye to issues of safety in the school.

Karen Round, chair of TLDSB board of trustees, said locking out the schools is the last resort.

"What we have said is in response to partial strike action, should the safety of our schools be impacted, the board has put together a motion authorizing senior administration to lock out teachers."

So far, Round said schools are holding up ok under the added stress of the strike.

"It's been a couple of days, and what we're hearing

is that the contingency plan is working the principles," she said. "So far, this is day three, there have been no concerns."

While contingency plans are unique to each school, Round said some of the actions that have been taken include locking out gyms and libraries during lunch, strategically planning available staff duties and managing the flow of traffic in the hallways.

However, if, and only if the above contingencies are not enough to maintain the safety of students in the schools, a lockout will be the last step to protect them.

"A lockout is the only tool we have at our disposal to use to ensure the students are safe."

While the strike limits some duties, teachers are still in class educating students. Round said there are no concerns that the

quality of learning will be affected.

"That would never come into question," she said. "The one thing the teachers, board and unions truly have at heart is the best interest of the students. The teachers at this board continually go over, above and beyond."

"This has not impacted that. They're exceptional."

Marshall said the teachers are always open to continuing negotiations.

"We left the door open and indicated we are still willing to talk," he said. "We have solutions and we continue to look for the opportunities to have discussions to lead us to an outcome where all parties are in agreement."

In the meantime, Round said the schools are holding strong and will operate within their contingency plans for as long as the strike continues.

"So far so good. Our primary goal is to keep the kids in school."

We left the door open and indicated we are still willing to talk.

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Executive Officer, OSSTF

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Highlander news

Canadian lakes threatened by act

By Matthew Desrochers

As part of its newest omnibus budget bill, C-45, the federal government has decided to make significant changes to one of Canada's oldest pieces of legislation.

The Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) protected the rights of Canadians to navigate Canada's waterways without interference from logging operations, bridges, pipelines, dams and other forms of industrial development. William Amos, director of the Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Ottawa, wrote in a report last week.

"The interrelationship between navigation and the environment is such that the protection of the former consistently promotes the health of the latter," he wrote. "Consequently, the NWPA has consistently served as a federal tool to achieve environmental protection."

With the changes in C-45, the NWPA has been renamed the Navigation Protection Act (NPA). However, the changes to the act go deeper than just its name.

In the original legislation, any construction project on navigable waters (waters that can be navigated by any floating craft) would first need to be assessed by the Minister of Transport to determine whether it would impede navigation. If the project would impede navigation, approval could still be given after an environmental assessment of the project was completed.

That means if you wanted to build a dock, for example, it would have required approval through the NWPA before you could start building. If there were any concern about the impact of your dock, an environmental assessment would also take place.

Because the act applied to any navigable waters, even if the structure could impede on a seasonal waterway or small creek it could potentially trigger an NWPA review. To reduce the amount of minor approvals required, the government implemented

changes to the act in 2009 which eliminated the approval process for what they called minor projects and certain types of waterways.

C-45 takes the 2009 changes to the next level by eliminating the approval process altogether for all but approximately one per cent of Canada's waterways.

Amos said Canada is estimated to have 32,000 lakes and more than 2.25 million rivers. Of those, the proposed schedule of protected waterways includes three oceans, 97 lakes and parts of 62 rivers. None of Haliburton's lakes, with the exception of Lake of Bays, are protected under the new act.

According to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin, the government's intention is to renew the NWPA to its original intent and eliminate redundant policies.

"What we are saying is that when a project is proposed, whether it's a bridge or a road... there needs to be a process that determines what the impact will be, whether it's environment, economic or whatever, but the overlapping processes that are redundant are a waste of time and money," he said. "The phrase that has been used is one project, one process."

He said the act needed to be re-focused.

"It [NWPA] was never intended to be environmental legislation. It was never intended to be set up to determine what the impacts on fish or wildlife would be from that project. There are other processes, namely the environmental assessment process, to answer that question."

With its new list of protected waters, the government used a formula to determine which waterways should be protected. Each one was given a value based on a number of criteria, including freight movement over the last five years, all approved works that would impede navigation (wharfs, marinas, docks, etc.) on the waterway, and the historical importance of each.



Photo by Matthew Desrochers

A Haliburton family navigates 12-Mile Lake in their canoe.

Muskoka and Devolin's riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock top the list for number of protected waterways.

"Navigational issues are potentially very important and potentially very relevant to the process of whether a project should go ahead or not," Devolin explained. "Those issues warrant a secondary process that narrowly and specifically looks at them."

That means only the lakes and rivers on the list will require project approval, although an environmental assessment may still be required through other environmental acts.

Chris Riddle, co-chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF), said the argument that environmental acts will protect the remaining lakes that are off the list doesn't hold water.

"If that argument was true, why would you need to schedule any lakes [on the list]?" he said.

The CEWF is one of many groups upset by the new NPA.

"The overriding concern really is that there's a lot of uncertainty," Riddle said. "Part of that is because the way it was introduced within a budget bill. The act itself has the opportunity to impact not only on navigation, but impact on municipalities and individuals [with regard to] what we're expected to do once the federal government stops enforcing the [NWPA]."

Whereas in the NWPA projects that impacted navigation were stopped in the development stages, the NPA puts the onus on individuals and municipalities to fight for their own navigation rights through common law and litigation, after the fact, he said.

"On one hand [municipalities] may benefit because [projects] may be fast-tracked, but on the other hand things will be happening the municipalities don't know about and haven't had a chance to intervene," Riddle said. "This will have to be dealt with after the fact."

However, Devolin said the majority of times the NWPA has been enacted have not been for navigational reasons. Common law, he argued, should be sufficient to protect navigation even without the NPA.

"We know there are places where projects are proposed (and) people think (they) ought not to go forward and are prepared to use whatever tools are at hand to impede that," he said. "That's the sense of how this legislation [NPA] has been used over the years... In the very rare cases where there are navigational issues at stake, the common law by its very nature is something that you can argue ought to be applied to a certain area."

Devolin said just because a waterway's navigability is not protected by the NPA, it doesn't mean other processes couldn't be used to protect that.

"If your concern was strictly navigational and wasn't something else, I find it hard to believe there wouldn't be a way to bring that concern forward during an environmental assessment that would have a bearing on the decision, because the environmental assessment is an inclusive process," he said. "It's not a narrowly described process."

For that to be the case, however, the public would need to know about these projects in advance. Amos, in his report, wrote that public notice requirements are no longer required for most projects under the NPA.

"Without knowing what works are being planned, it will be next to impossible to ensure that they do not interfere with the right of navigation," he wrote. "Reliance on the common law as a safety net beneath a less comprehensive NPA embraces a strongly reactive, rather than proactive and precautionary, approach to regulating navigable waters."

To read Amos's report, visit www.ecjustice.ca. For more information on the NPA, visit <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/mediaroom/backgrounder-npa-6911.htm>.

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Highlander food



County Fills the Truck

By Will Jones

A one-day, volunteer-led charge through the Highlands resulted in 12,000 lbs of food being donated to county food banks on Nov. 7.

Initiated by Highlands resident and champion of the Food Crusade, John Teljeur, the Fill the Truck campaign aimed to collect non-perishable food items from around the county to distribute to the local food banks, to supplement their requirements in feeding the almost 1,000 people now registered with them.

"Minden's food bank saw a 39 per cent increase in the number of people that needed help from October to November 2011," Teljeur said. "That trend is not set to change this year and we need to work together to help those in the community less fortunate than ourselves."

To this end, Teljeur and his team of volunteers canvassed local businesses and charitable organizations to collect food and some 6,950 lbs of food donations were pledged. However, on picking up the food it quickly became evident that this total would be quickly surpassed.

"There was an amazing response to our appeal and at each pick-up there was more food than had been originally pledged," said Teljeur. "From the start, when we picked up 340 lbs from the county council office, 240 lbs more than they had pledged, we knew we were on for a big total."

Teljeur and his team visited some 43 donors in the county and the sorting depot at Dyan Anna was soon overflowing with food. Volunteers sorted the food into types – pasta, canned soups, juice, baby food, etc.

"Teamwork is what it's all about," said coordinator Andy Chvedulak. "The trucks are still out there collecting and we are doing our best to sort the donations in order that we can redistribute them to the food banks according to their requirements."

Representatives from the food banks were helping out, too. Both Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of Minden Food Bank, and Robert Spurrier of Cardiff food bank, were at the arena and they were amazed at the generosity of people in the county.

"This drive will make us feel much more secure going into winter," said Spurrier. "It will mean that we can dedicate our funds to other projects in our area, rather than



Photos by Will Jones and Amy Brown

having to spend them on food. Looking at the amount before me now, I think it could provide us – my food bank – with 50 per cent of the food we need for the year and that's an amazing help."

Walford-Davis echoed these comments.

"This drive is a real boost for the food banks and what's more, it shows that people in Haliburton County really do care," she said. "We have to thank everyone who's been involved. It's a tremendous response and one that will mean so much to the people on the receiving end."

Teljeur has been instrumental in boosting the amount of donations to the food banks, both with his efforts to grow 2,000 lbs of vegetables over the summer and now this fall food drive. His reason for working so hard? To ensure that no child goes without in Haliburton County.

"I'm extremely grateful to all of the volunteers and everyone that donated food," he said. "We'll make life a little better for the many families who depend upon the food banks this year."

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Wetlands donated to Land Trust

By Matthew Desrochers

Former full-time Highlands resident Doreen Berry has donated a .00-acre parcel of land to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

The property, near South Lake, was identified two years ago as an important wetland complex as part of a project funded by Environment Canada, said Sheila Zeman, Land Trust chair. The project identified 50 ecologically important wetland complexes, of which this property was one.

"That jumped out at us," Zeman said. "We knew it was a significant wetlands complex. With that kind of complex comes a rich diversity of plant and animal life."

It is a confirmed habitat for Blanding's Turtle, which is a threatened species in Ontario. Canada Warblers and Olive-sided Flycatchers, also species at risk, have been identified there, as well as fourwing Emerald and Brush-tipped Emerald dragonflies. Twenty-five different types of birds were also identified.

"There's a lot of biodiversity there," she said. "The other reason the property is of interest to us is that it's very rich in its habitat."

The property has swamp, marsh and bog habitats, with some plants that are characteristic of fens, she said.

"It has a mature maple-basswood forest. We don't know the exact age of the forest but it has a lot of characteristics of old growth."

The location of the property is also of significance, as it sits between pockets of Crown land as well as Scowden Park and the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, both protected.

"It enhances that block of protected land," Zeman said. "That's good because it creates a large protected area (that) helps join other protected areas. It's part of a large block of protected areas, then you have protected wildlife corridors."

The Land Trust will be able to protect the land by ensuring it is not developed.

"One of our goals will be just to let it be," Zeman said. "Old growth, there's very little left in Haliburton County. It will be nice to have that protected."

Berry, a former full-time Highlands resident, donated the property to the Land Trust through the Ecological Gifts Program. Through the program, properties are measured against a set of criteria to determine whether they are ecologically significant.

"Once we prove it's significant, then we can give a charitable tax receipt," Zeman explained. "[Berry] knew about the Haliburton Land Trust. He'd been following our progress. He called us and wanted to discuss the possibility of protecting that particular wetland property."

He and his wife, Margaret Gandy, are local birdwatchers who run the local Christmas bird count. They are also involved with their local land trust, in Thackren's Woods.

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Highlander arts

Haliburton connection helps resurrect iconic comic books

By George Farnell

From the 1930s through the Second World War and well into the age of television, young people, especially boys, got their kicks collecting comic books.

The earlier comic books, unlike the ultra-violent and gory mutations that came later, were composed of simple cartoons; but they were invaluable to parents and youngsters alike as a method of learning how to read.

One outfit, Classics Illustrated, took the concept further by offering their young readers classic stories like 'Moby Dick', 'Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', 'Mutiny on the Bounty' and 'Treasure Island'. Classics Illustrated was also a cut above the competition due to its excellent artwork and top-notch printing.

In a 30-year run from October 1941 when they first came on the scene, until April of 1971, the last year they were published, Classics Illustrated put out over one billion units worldwide.

The super heroes of television and movies, and more recently video games, never the demise of many comic book companies. But Classics Illustrated, even at its dormant, had one major thing going for it: big name authors.

Authors like Dumas, Cooper, Dickens, Twain, Shakespeare and Verne, who were all represented by Classics Illustrated, still resonate today.

One man realized the potential of resurrecting the comic series. His name is Jack Jarve and in 2002 he acquired the rights to Classics Illustrated, and consequently also established a connection to the Haliburton Highlands.

Jack Jarve grew up in Tottenham, Ontario, where he met another youngster, Robert Van Nood, who shared his love of collecting comic books. Van Nood grew up to be an artist and illustrator still very much influenced by comic books. Van Nood, who

moved to the Highlands in 1976 and whose work can be seen adorning the walls of the Bear Scene in Minden, had stayed in touch with Jarve.

"In the winter of 2010 I got a call from Jack," Van Nood recalled. "He told me that

Incredibly, Van Nood discovered that there was an operating Vandercook press right here in Haliburton County.

The old press belongs to Bob Mann who owns and operates Highlands Printing. It wasn't too long before Van Nood

places. I had experience with this process 40 years earlier."

"Bob [Mann] brings the old art of printing and that's what Jack needed, because everything has gone digital now," Van Nood said.

Jarve concurred.

"Bob [Mann] is a key player in being able to capture the original black line artwork which allows my freelance artists worldwide to digitally re-colour the original Classics Illustrated classics. With his help we have the ability to take an American icon an property and transfer it to a current, internationally available book offering. His input has worldwide implications."

But in a globalized world what exactly is the relevance of a resurrected comic book franchise that went bankrupt 40 years ago?

"Classics Illustrated are important works because they teach the writings of the world's greatest writers, and because of the moral messages put out by the writers of the classics," said Jarve. "Publishers from around the world are embracing it, and even Marvel comics have recently introduced their own version of the classics. The classics are a great learning vehicle for kids."

Jarve, through his company Jack Lake Productions Inc., has invested over three million dollars over 10 years in labour, marketing, asset purchasing and artwork production. All profits are re-invested into the development of remastering the original Classics Illustrated publications.

It is a huge undertaking made possible in part by the Tottenham/Haliburton connection and the expertise of Mann and his old letterpress equipment.

"Bob [Mann] works with dinosaur equipment and I have a dinosaur property to Classics Illustrated," said Jarve, laughing.

Dinosaurs? kids of all ages love dinosaurs. More information on Classics Illustrated can be found at www.jacklakerproductions.com.



Printer Bob Mann with black line proof, Jack Jarve and Robert Van Nood with examples of Classics Illustrated books.

he had acquired 23 sets of Classics Illustrated engraving plates."

Jarve had transported the plates from New York to Canada in three trailers. Each plate represents four pages of a book. In a 48 page book there are 12 black plates. A printing press makes black and white (black line) reproduction proofs from the plates. The proofs are digitized later so that artists can fill in with colour.

"Jack said he needed to acquire a Vandercook press as a means of retrieving proofs from the original plates, which were specifically designed for that press," said Van Nood. "He asked me to do some research into where he might be able to access such a press."

was introducing himself to Mann, and subsequently the two got together with Jarve.

Recently all three met in Mann's printing establishment, and among the old, though still-functioning printing machinery, they talked about how things had come together.

"When I first came over to meet Bob I discovered that he used to be the publisher and editor of the Tottenham News, a paper that he started in 1970," marvelled Van Nood.

"Three guys from Tottenham coming up to Haliburton? How strange is that?" queried Jarve. "This project was just meant to come together."

"I have exactly what Jack wanted," said Mann. "With a bit of tweaking I was able to retrieve the black line artwork from the

Son of late folk legend coming to Haliburton

By Mark Arke

The name Stan Rogers is synonymous with Canadian folk music. His songs, which were often inspired by Canadian history and the daily lives of working people, still resonate with those who appreciate the genre.

Unfortunately, Stan's life was cut short in 1983 aboard an Air Canada flight when the plane caught fire while on the ground at the Greater Cincinnati Airport. He was 33.

His son Nathan was just three-years-old when his father's life tragically ended. His memories of his dad as a family man are vivid, but what he doesn't have a good recollection of is Stan the famous folk artist.

"My memories of him are very clear and very strong," said Rogers in an interview from his home in Winnipeg. "They [the memories] all centre around domestic stuff like going shopping and running errands."

He knows he was regularly taken to his father's shows. However, he can't recall any specific details.

"When you're that age your experiences kind of revolve around playing with toys and

running around in the field. The notion that mom or dad are up on stage playing music for people is kind of secondary to playing with your friends or playing a game."

Rogers grew up in a household where music could always be heard in the background. His first experience picking up the guitar was an attempt to copy the challenging riffs his brother David created after studying with

"There was always somebody doing something that was musically inclined."

Rogers's sisters took lessons in stringed instruments, and his mother was a community theatre and musicals. His brother got him started on the guitar and he also took years worth of lessons in classical singing.

"That was choral music training."

Towards the end of his university studies, Rogers was determined to give music a serious go.

"I really felt that the skills I had in music were enough and that I could probably develop those skills further. Before that it was something I enjoyed doing and did for fun."

Rogers founded his own label, Flatway Cove Music, and in 2005 released his debut album, "True Stories".

He admits that his father's music has helped shape him into the artist he is today.

"There are three or four musicians who have had a major effect on how I write and why I write. Stan is very, very near the top."

Rogers says his music incorporates several styles, surprising what one would expect to hear in British and Irish folk music. He has also been recognized as an adept throat singer, specializing in the Tuvan and Mongolian styles.

"It all kind of fall under folk music when I'm doing my solo shows, but I like to bring those different elements into what I do so I'm not pigeonholed into a genre."

Two years ago, Rogers's agent suggested he consider hitting the road with a collection of his father's music. The tour, labelled "Nathan Sings Stan: the Rogers Legacy Continues", started a year ago and has taken Rogers and his band across Canada.

"It's been incredibly positive. It was

something we decided to do to place some effort towards showing people that I'm capable of doing a different type of show than what they had seen previously."

As for being compared to his father or "living in his shadow," Rogers doesn't feel that he's under that kind of pressure.

"It's something that I've dealt with and never really felt particularly bothered by. I'm very proud of that music and the culture. For me it's wonderful to be a small part of that contribution."

Rogers will be bringing his show to one of its last stops at Haliburton's Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The event is part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's (HCFS) 2013 Concert

Tickets for the show are \$25 for non-HCFS members and \$20 for members and students. They can be purchased online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca or at The Photo Shop in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden.

Highlander sports



Above: Storm #6 Nicholas Dollo takes the puck away from an Oro forward. Right: Storm #18 Kyle Cooper takes a shot on net.

Peewee 'A' Storm outlasts Oro Thunder

By Warren Riley

A hockey game should be fun and entertaining. But when the players become overly aggressive and combative, the end result will be penalty after penalty. That is what happened Nov. 10 between the Highland Storm Peewee 'A' hockey team and the Oro Thunder.

The first and second periods became a pack-free-for-all. The referees were citing both teams with minor and major infractions amounting to numerous and unnecessary five-on-four scoring opportunities. It became predictable. When a penalty was called, the other team scored. Power plays went back and forth between the clubs.

At the end of the second period with the score tied 4-4, Storm's coach Barry Boice pulled the plug on his team. He was adamant and straightforward. No more penalties. Play aggressively but play fair and clean. That pep talk resulted in two more unanswered goals for the Storm.

"Yes, a lot of penalties for sure," said Boice. "We did a good job killing them. No doubt about that. We were a little bit slow coming out of the gate but once we got

playing we started to roll back to our normal self. The third period was much better."

Coache Parker Snodden was outstanding in keeping the Oro Thunder at bay. Goals by Nicholas Dollo, Kyle Cooper, Devyn Prentice and Ben Schmidt added tallies to the board in the 6-4 win.

This game was an important win for Boice and his team. "We will be either first or second and that depends on how Pairy Sound does."

"The league doesn't really matter that much," said Boice. "In the playoffs we'll be playing teams out of our league anyway. That's when it really starts to count. It would be nice to win the Pairy Sound-Muskoka League."

Point-wise, the Storm is second in the league with Pairy Sound in the lead. With two more wins Boice was confident the Storm would be in first place.

"We could catch them [Pairy Sound] this weekend which would be great, but we will have to wait and see."

Weekend wrap-up

By Jim Peirce

After a strong showing against Oro on Saturday in front of our hometown crowd, the Highland Storm, sponsored by Snodden Dentistry, came up short on Sunday in South

On Sunday, our boys seemed listless throughout the game which resulted in a 4-1 loss to their rivals in South Muskoka. Bracebridge took the lead in the first period and never looked back. Only Kyle Cooper with assists from Devyn Prentice and Shawn Walker was able to break through in the second but the boys were never really able to find their legs and ended up losing 4-1.

Everyone looks forward to avenging the loss on Thursday, Nov. 22 as they play South Muskoka again in Minden at 5 p.m. Be sure to come out for what promises to be an exciting night of hockey!

Highlander sports

Falcons soar past Hawks in finals

By Werner Riey

On Nov. 8, the 2012 season and the quest for the championship came to an abrupt end for the HHSS Boys Junior Red Hawks Football team when they were defeated 26-6 by the Fenelon Falls Falcons.

Boy's Team Hockey Manager Kirk Cooper, who was in attendance, gave his comments and opinion on the game. "Right from the beginning, the Falcons dominated," he said. "The Red Hawks certainly tried to stay in the game. They [Red Hawks] made a few plays that were quite good but you could tell early on that they were outmatched, if you will. Taking the combination of a handful of games, you would say this game was not one of Haliburton's better games. But you can't take anything away and be critical of Fenelon Falls."

With the score 20-0 for the Falcons at the end of the half, Cooper saw the writing on the wall for the Red Hawks.

"Some of the things I certainly noticed were that the Falcons were a very well-coached team," he commented. "The Fenelon tackles were right where they should be. High and low. Their boys ran with the ball certainly in the right direction north-south and well positioned. It just seemed like they had more experience."

Player injuries did alter a game's outcome and according to Cooper there were a few minor bruises for the Red Hawks but nothing of a serious nature.

"By the end of the game there were a few players that were hurt but I wouldn't say that would have made a difference in the outcome. Some of our kids were sick but I don't want to take too much away from the Fenelon win."

Cooper was impressed with the calibre of play.

"There was more passing than I would usually see in a high school football game and there were also quite a few receptions. I would say more so by the Red Hawks than by Fenelon; way more actually. I would also say that there were at least two or three interceptions and the same number of fumbles on each side resulting in a lot of yardage for both teams."

"I haven't seen Fenelon play before but I would say they played their best game ever," Cooper added. "They were well-coached and doing exactly what they were supposed to



Photo by Zee Youngdale

Red Hawk #63 Mad O'Reilly and #49 Hunter Smith tackle Fenelon's #21

do in a football game. Turnovers weren't a huge issue but the Red Hawks fumbled the ball and also a few fakes."

"There weren't a lot of things going the Hawks' way but you can't blame that on the game at all and I don't think they were factors. They did what they could but we just couldn't catch a break and they [Fenelon] prevented us from doing what we needed to do to win."

Cooper tipped his hat to the Red Hawks coaching staff and

praised the players for a great season.

"Some of the Hawks' players are in Grade 10 and have never played football before and I feel they did a fantastic job. But in the long run, Fenelon certainly deserved to win that game."

The Red Hawks got on the scoreboard with a pass to Hunter Smith and scored the only touchdown for his team. Final score was 26-6 Falcons.

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Storm girls show determination

By Dan Marston

The Midget C-Cup Quest Canadian Tire Highland Storm Midges 'BB' girls travelled to Durham West and Clarington on Saturday for their two-game road trip.

The Storm girls fell behind 2-0 in both their games.

In the first game against the Durham West Blades, the Highland Storm squad battled back to a 3-2 deficit off a whistler from Tammy Eventoff heading into the third period. The Blades used the fresh ice in the third period to their advantage and pulled away from the Storm girls with three unanswered goals. The final score was 5-4.

The second game against the Clarington Flames started out much the same. This time, the girls battled back in the second period to tie the game 2-2. Alex Litwin opened the Storm's scoring off a nice feed from Kelsey Marie-Claire Garbett tied the game off another good passing play from Erin Little and Kendall Marston.

The third period held many good scoring chances for both squads. The Storm kept up the attack and mid-way through the third period, Alacia McLaren showed great patience and precision passing as she set up Jessica Dachene for a one-timer in the slot with a beauty saucer pass. Dachene's snap shot proved to be the game winner, putting the Storm ahead 3-2.

The girls showed great positive attitudes and determination to not let the afternoon's results discourage them going into the evening game. They will need to keep up the smart, aggressive team play as they travel to Barrie this weekend to play in their first tournament of the year. The Storm will face teams for their provincial play-downs later this year. It could prove to be a good play off test.

Also, tickets are still available for our Midget 'BB' "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti dinner/beer fundraiser at "That Place in Clarington" on Wed Nov. 28 from 5-8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 16 and free for children under five.

Highlander sports

Athletes to watch

Storm goalie keeps goals in sight

By Warren Riley

There are young adults that know what they want in life and Parker Smolen is a perfect example.

Now 11 years old, Smolen has been playing hockey since the early age of three.

"I decided on playing hockey because my Dad played hockey and we always used to watch him when I was a kid and I just wanted to play," said Smolen.

With the hockey skills Smolen has gained, playing for the Highland Storm, his decision to play goalie was easy.

"Three years ago I had the choice of being any player or goalie and I really liked it [goalie]."

Smolen is in Grade 7 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and his grades are in the mid 80s and 90s.

"I'm taking math, geography, french and science," said Smolen. "My parents want me to just do well in school, do my best and just let me do what I want to do."

"In high school I'm leaning on taking science, math, health, history and probably geography. After high school I'm not really sure but I want to go to university and keep up with sports."

When asked what he is aiming for in life, Smolen's wish is to become a neurosurgeon. "I want to help people if they have brain



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problems or tumors; that sort of thing."

Smolen has high expectations but his ambitious desire and co-operation to succeed in life will eventually help him make his dreams come true.

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The Computer Guy Microsoft to retire messenger

Windows Messenger, MSN Messenger, Windows Live Messenger (WLM), whatever you call it or whatever version you are using, will be coming to an end.

With the exception of mainland China, Windows Live Messenger will close in the first quarter of 2013.

Microsoft, who launched MSN Messenger in 1999, is asking users to migrate to Skype which they purchased for \$8.5 billion in October 2011. Microsoft says Skype just makes more sense for TVs and the franchises. *News platinum*.

In fact Microsoft had opted to integrate Skype into new Windows 8 smartphone software, eclipsing the effort to integrate WLM into the message threads of the operating system's previous version.

Microsoft will offer its customers a tool to help in the transition from WLM to Skype. Users can sign into the Skype service with the credentials they use to access their Microsoft online services, including WLM. They will find their WLM contacts on their Skype contacts list. If they used both messenger and Skype, the contacts lists will be merged.

"We want to focus our efforts on making things simpler for our users while continuously improving the overall experience," wrote Tony Bates, Skype's president, in a blog post.

To encourage WLM users to update to Skype, Bates named several benefits they'll get from it, including support for more devices such as iPad and Android tablets, screen sharing, the ability

to place calls to landline phones, and group video conferencing.

However, this type of migration is rarely smooth, and users are already raising questions in comments to Bates's blog post, including the availability of certain WLM features and the capacity of Skype's infrastructure to sustain the new workload. There are approximately 8.5 million unique WLM users that would be added to Skype's network.

Another risk is that the move encourages users to switch instead to rival platforms such as WhatsApp Messenger, AIM or Google Talk.

But Microsoft is at least partially protected by its tie-up with Facebook last year. Skype video calls are now offered as an extra to the social network's own instant messaging tool.

Microsoft will provide more information about the transition, as well as introduce special offers for fee-based Skype services in the coming months, Bates wrote.

I guess if you're Microsoft and can afford to buy pretty much whatever you want, it just makes sense to buy anything that may offer better services than yourself. After all, to eliminate the competition, have the competition work for you.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@ballbunionhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing.



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Highlander outdoors

Going overboard: stay safe in cold water

By Lisa Harrison

While some of us have now stored away our summer gear, many boaters are still taking to the water despite the cold, squeezing out the very last drop of fun.

No matter what type of watercraft you use, it's critical not only to remember the usual safety tips, but also to know and prepare for the dangers colder water poses to health and even survival.

We can lose body heat 25 times faster in water than in air of a similar temperature, according to the Canadian Safe Boating Council's Cold Water Boat Camp (CWBC) website. That heat loss can be magnified by up to 10 times with water movement – currents, swimming.

Lifejackets or personal flotation devices (PFDs) are always boating essentials but they're even more crucial in colder weather to help avoid hypothermia, a potential deadly

A plunge into water below eight degrees Celsius can trigger hypothermia in minutes and water below five degrees Celsius can pose a major threat to life, according to Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety (OBS) website.

With the plunge you experience "cold shock" starting with a sudden, deep gasp that can be as much as 600 to 1,000 per cent greater than your normal breath intake, according to the CWBC.

If you're not wearing a PFD, you face even greater odds of being unable to keep your airway clear to avoid the risk of drowning.

OBS reports you could also experience muscle spasms or a rise in your heart rate and blood pressure, choke on water, or

suffer a heart attack or a stroke during this period of up to five minutes.

The next phase is incapacitation, approximately a 10-minute period during which you lose the effective use of fingers, arms and legs. At this point you must concentrate on rescuing yourself. If that's not possible, you must keep your airway clear while you wait for rescue.

Swim failure occurs in these crucial minutes and without a PFD drowning will likely occur, according to the CWBC.

The final phase is hypothermia, which eventually renders the victim unconscious. Core body temperature continues to decrease even after rescue. Called "shivering", the condition can last several hours in a person with moderate to severe hypothermia.

A 2011 recreational boating surveillance report produced by the Canadian Red Cross and Transport Canada showed of all drowning deaths researched in the CRC's 10-year study for & Water, cold water probably played a part in at least 35 per cent.

The best offence is a good defence. PFDs are now available in "floats" (coats) – coats, pants and one-piece suits – that offer better thermal protection and coverage

than regular PFDs and have compartments to hold signaling devices, a VHF radio and other survival items such as flares.

Other options include anti-exposure wetsuits (a lifejacket that offers thermal protection), dry suits for use with a lifejacket and thermal liner, and wet suits, also to be used with a lifejacket. Top-to-toe float gear combined with a one-piece immersion (survival) suit is an excellent choice.

If you do become hypothermic, do everything you can to save your energy and body heat, swim only if you can help others or reach safety, and do not swim to keep warm, the CWBC stresses.

Climb onto something that gets as much of your body out the water as possible, cross your arms tightly against your chest and draw your knees up close to them to help you keep your body heat. Huddle with others keeping chests close together, arms around each other's backs, and legs intertwined.

For more information on cold water immersion safety precautions as well as hypothermia and hypothermia treatment, visit <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/decide-mens-1362.htm> and www.coldwaterbootcamp.com.



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Haliburton Sparks and Brownies show off their shoe boxes. Back row, from left: Emma Trudel, Rianne Horsley, Morgan Whis, Gabby MacKenzie, Nina Gagliano, Kiera Casey, Emma Motter and Victoria Robertson. Front row, from left: Emmerson Wilson, Tanisha Coates, Grace Graham, Kayden Reid, Taylor Horsley and Evelyn Vanderstam.

Girls send gifts overseas

By Matthew Desrochers

Rianne Horsley is one of 15 young girls who packed up shoeboxes full of toys and clothes for underprivileged children overseas on Nov. 13 as part of Operation Christmas Child.

Horsley, 8, is a Brownie. Her sister friends, Brownies (ages 7-9) and Sparks (5-6), were excited to participate in the program.

"It feels good because we have a lot of things but they don't have as much, so it's good to give," Horsley said. "People far away don't have anything. [We're] trying to donate for people who don't have toys or clothes."

In her box, Horsley packed some plastic animals, tennis balls, and a game of snakes and ladders. She was picking for a boy between the ages of two and four.

Beverly-Acce Reid, Sparks leader, said this was the group's first time participating in Operation Christmas Child.

Her daughter heard about the program at school, where kids were asked to donate a dollar to the event. She wanted to pack her own box, so Reid brought the idea to their Sparks and Brownies group.

"They were excited," she said. However, some were angry they couldn't get started right away.

They were provided with a list of what could and could not be packed. An anonymous donor offered to pay the \$7 per box, while another provided additional items for those girls who forgot to bring their own.

Reid said the girls all understood the boxes are being sent to less fortunate children overseas.

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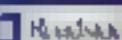
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Highlander people

Trainer leaves legacy for firefighters

By Lisa Harrison

One of Ryan Reesor's best 18th birthday gifts was a pager. It was literally a coming-of-age gift from Stanhope Fire Chief Bob Pollard. Reesor had already been training as a volunteer firefighter for two years, but couldn't respond to calls until he turned 18.

Now Reesor is leaving his post. The story begins at the Innes family resort in Ox Narrows.

"Many times the fire department would respond in that area and they'd need snowmobiles, they'd need boats," recalls Reesor, who ended up running as a driver. He was hooked.

That was 17 years ago. Reesor was promoted from volunteer to captain to trainer and two years ago became the first Algonquin Highlands chief training officer (CTO), covering Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake.

From his Hall's Lake home Reesor travelled to each station weekly. On paper it's a 30-hour training week, but paperwork helps bump that higher.

Reesor also works seven 24-hour shifts monthly as a Toronto Fire Services technical rescue instructor. And he's working to complete a Ryerson University public administration degree.

So why become CTO?

"I've always been an operations firefighter – I really enjoy running calls and helping the community and watching the team do really well," says Reesor. "And it was obvious to me early on that if you could train them really well it just completely relates to what's going to happen the following day on a call, so it was really a means to an end."

Reesor says Algonquin Highlands volunteers train for about 75 hours annually. They attend Ontario Fire College courses in Gravenhurst, but most training is in-house as the province has downloaded greater responsibility to municipalities.

The department has completed 45 in-house certifications this year, more than the department had in total through the college two years ago, says Reesor. That brings the total to more than 160 certifications for about 50 firefighters.

"You can't do that without the firefighters buying in to professionalism. If they don't believe in these certifications, if they don't see the benefit and recognize the knowledge that they have and how much more confident they are when they're responding, if they don't see that, you cannot get them to go."

Reesor says the township is supportive in paying mileage and an hourly rate for college course time, but many volunteers still take a pay hit by taking time off work for training. Yet they are "a very professional group" who want to train and help their communities.

Reesor's love for the area and the CTO role are evident. However, wife Amy, a Bessie high school teacher, has reached the end of her extended maternity leave with toddler Austin and baby Anna. So the family found a way to both leave



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Ryan Reesor, former Chief Training Officer for Algonquin Highlands.

and stay – they've moved to Bessie and bought a cottage on Buckung Lake.

In a fitting legacy, some of Reesor's trainees are students who originally came for community service hours and are now "super excited" about turning 18, getting their pager and serving their communities.

Although Oct. 26 was his last official day, Reesor is still returning to help with final administration. He plans volunteering and the CTO position, which will be posted shortly.

"It's a great profession and the men and women that you get to work with here. I don't think you can find that team atmosphere anywhere. Certainly it's not like a sports team. It's an emergency service and you really have to count on one another and work together."

"From my perspective I'd just like to thank the community for being so supportive and thank all the members for their support and enthusiasm over the years."

He goes and adds, "As I've said to them, if they need anything, give me a call."

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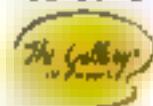
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Private Family Gathering

A private family gathering will be held. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9200.

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Ethel Scott

(Formerly of Tays Hill, Ontario)



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Highlander health

Animals benefit from chiropractor's touch

By Erin Lynch

A 2,500 pound bull has been chiropractor Aspin Gredanus's most challenging patient.

Standing on a bench, the young chiropractor made adjustments along the bull's spine. The farmer held a bucket of grain to distract the animal and keep him calm as the bull had never been halter broken.

"Cows are busy. Their muscles don't go to the top of the vertebrae. The meat is all around the belly," says Gredanus who admits she was still nervous as she worked on the large beast.

Incorporating animals into her chiropractic practice is a natural succession for Gredanus, who operates Highland Chiropractic in Minden. Growing up in the Hamilton area, she studied science at McMaster University before going to Chiropractic College.

For her interview to get into Chiropractic school she expressed her interest to work with animals as well as people. Like many animal lovers, Gredanus had once wanted to be a vet. Upon graduating from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College she completed the animal chiropractic certification program in 2009.

Chiropractic techniques have been used on animals for over 100 years. Like people, animals have joints in their spines subject to stress that can become restricted. Chiropractic care corrects these restrictions through adjustments which incorporates a gentle motion that restores joint movement.

Gredanus says animal chiropractors are becoming more common. On average in Ontario, eight to 15 people graduate from the program per year, with half coming from a veterinary background and the other half coming from a chiropractic background.

Covering a large geographical area, Gredanus travels to Orillia, Gravenhurst and Lindsay to doctor her animal patients. A variety of creatures have sought her chiropractic care including a ferret, a deer at a petting

zoo and many farm animals. Predominantly the most common patients are horses and dogs.

"Most horses are ridden. If they can't be ridden they become an expensive lawn ornament," says Gredanus.

Like any other athlete, animals that perform in high level competition are prone to injuries.

"I just treated a dog that was at the World Agility Championship in the Czech Republic," she said.

Gredanus attributes the rise in popularity and awareness around animal chiropractic to the push on prevention. "Today there seems to be more of a focus on non-invasive surgery. People spend money on their pets. Veterinary services cost money and chiropractic adjustments can be helpful," says Gredanus who works in conjunction with veterinarians often on animals that have spinal conditions.

Many of her animal patients are senior, older dogs.

"It's about focusing on the quality of life," says the chiropractor who shares her own home with three dogs, three cats, a turtle and a rabbit.

However working with animals doesn't get you away from working with people.

"You still have to deal with the owner; other times people that ask lots of questions," jokes the Minden chiropractor. "The challenge can be getting information from the owner. It's an outside perspective. I have to often go by what I feel and what hurts."

Nonetheless Gredanus has noticed that animals seem to respond faster to chiropractic care than her human patients.

"People can have emotional attachment to their pets. Stress can play a role in healing and recovery. Animals have a strong survival instinct," she says.

Gredanus advises that treating four-legged creatures is a very rewarding experience.

"Animals are my passion. Who doesn't want to struggle up to a dog every day?"



Photo by Erin Lynch

Taylor, a 10-and-a-half year old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, receives treatment for his arthritis.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Contract Bridge (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941	100 3 CanoeFest Bingo - Minden Tuesday @ 6 p.m. 705-457-1009. Meet the Nurse - Ontario Early Years Centre (63 Maple Avenue) @ 10 a.m. 705-457-1791. Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care @ 9:00 a.m. 705-457-2941.	Community Drum Circle (every Wednesday) - Rail's End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m. 705-457-2330. Flu shot clinic - Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre (2240 Loop Road) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Haliburton County Historical Society meeting - Zion United Church @ 1:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Cribbage (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941	Christmas Bazaar - Minden Lions Hall @ 1 p.m.		Contract Bridge (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m. 705-457-2941
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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Darts, every Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
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Meal Draw, every Friday @ 2 p.m.
Billiards, every Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner, November 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The Annual Wiggle Dinner will be held Saturday, December 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Legion office.

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Remembrance day



Photos by Mark Ariss,
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Community members,
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on Nov. 11 to remember
those who have fallen while
serving their country, here
and abroad.

Pictured here are photos
from the Gaget, Haliburton,
ceremonies.



Highlander events



Left: Freshness consultant Gail Stalter and Rotary Bowl-a-thon organizer Bob Taylor were all smiles at the Minden Rotary Fundraising Bowl-a-thon. Right: Archie Stouffer student Nathan Misilo, 9, who raised money from six pledges, showed a unique delivery.



Photos by George Farrell

Funding ends for 'After School Recreation Program' at Archie Stouffer

By George Farrell

The 'After School Recreational Program' at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden is in jeopardy due to provincial funding cuts.

For the past five years the 'After School Recreation Program', which runs once a week, has been administered by Poole in Time, the not-for-profit organization that provides support services to families and children in Haliburton County. The program helps school-aged children by providing them with supervised active play and nutritional food for two hours after school during the school year. At Archie Stouffer the program occurs on Monday, and is attended by 45 students.

The funding cuts, which will take effect on Dec. 31, also impact on the after school recreational programs in the elementary schools in Whitchurch and Canadat. In 2011-2012 over 170 children were registered for the programs in the three schools.

Poole in Time feels very strongly that such a program is needed for the children, but if the programs in the schools, or something similar to it, continues it will need to do so with the good will and support of the communities.

For the past five years a bowl-a-thon at the Fair Lane in Minden has helped to support the 'After School Recreational Program' at Archie Stouffer. Poole in Time reached out with the Minden Rotary to organize the Minden Rotary Fundraising Bowl-a-thon which took place on the evening of Nov. 10

at the Fair Lane in Minden.

Gail Stalter was one of those who took part in the bowl-a-thon.

"It's very important that the community supports such programs," said Stalter who does freelance consulting, marketing, promotion and fundraising for Poole in Time. "With the after school rec program the kids get indoor and outdoor activities, the team-building games, and sports. They also get a healthy snack and are supervised by qualified recreation leaders from Poole in Time."

The bowl-a-thon consisted of teams from the Minden Rotary, Poole in Time, students and members of the community. The bowlers were responsible for collecting pledges from people and businesses in the community and all monies raised go towards helping with the

continuation of an after school recreational program at Archie Stouffer.

"It's turned out very well," said rotarian and Bowl-a-thon organizer Bob Taylor. "This year is up significantly over last year."

The total amount raised by pledges was \$1,572.

The Bowl-a-thon is a good start, but if the 'After School Recreation Program' or something like it is to continue in our schools Poole in Time will require additional funds. Supervisor Lisa Hamblin put things in perspective.

"The loss of provincial funding is a disappointment for the communities," she said. "We realize the importance of the program and are continuing to look into other options to provide a similar service."

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Left: Cadet Commander Captain Cameron McKenzie addresses the attendees. Right: Fittingly, on Remembrance Day, the top tables were filled with long serving members.



Haliburton Legion Ladies serve up some rewards

By Douglas Pugh

On Nov. 11 at the Haliburton Legion, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 129 (LLA) not only served up a dinner but also presented some cheques from their annual fundraising.

"It's a busy evening, but a great evening," said LLA President Cheryl James.

Spending the whole year hosting such events as Christmas parties, the Snowflake Bazaar, spaghetti suppers amongst a whole host of diverse functions, the LLA – with help from some very dedicated cadets – have raised over \$10,000 in the last 12 months.

While much of this year's proceeds have gone towards refurbishing facilities at the Legion – \$7,000 being spent on kitchen upgrades and improving tables – the LLA often doles much of the funds raised to a broad spectrum of deserving causes in the municipality including the 4Cs and the hospital.

Very well attended, and with a selection of long serving veterans at the top table, the gathering heard speeches from Dyerside native Murray Feeney and local MPP Laurie Scott.

The Legion starts the fundraising all over again this coming Saturday with the Snowflake Bazaar.



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2011 Buick Enclave CXL AWD: Complete with fuel efficient 3.6 litre V6 cylinder, 6-speed automatic transmission, automatic tri-zone climate control air conditioning, power 2 panel sunroof, leather seating with 3rd row, 7 passenger seating, power bucket seats, power windows, locks and mirrors, power door locks, power 8-speaker DVD system, power heated and cooled seats, OnStar and much more! Stock #: 11371

Year End Blitz Price: \$43,995.00 *

2012 Chevrolet Traverse 1LT AWD: Complete with fuel efficient 3.6 litre 8 cylinder, 6-speed automatic transmission, air conditioning, 7 passenger seating with heated front buckets, power windows, locks and mirrors, aluminum wheels, rear park assist, remote vehicle start, Bluetooth, XM Sirius satellite radio, rear DVD entertainment package, traction control, cruise control, tilt steering, 7 passenger seating, AM/FM/CD stereo system, OnStar, factory towing package and much more! Stock #: 12382

Year End Blitz Price: \$35,995.00 *

2012 Buick Lacrosse: Complete with fuel efficient 3.6 litre 6 cylinder, 6-speed automatic transmission, auto dual-zone climate control, 5 passenger seating, power windows, locks and mirrors, remote vehicle start, traction control, chrome aluminum wheels, Bluetooth, StabiliTrak electronic stability control system, power adjustable exterior rear-view mirrors, driver information centre, cruise control, tilt steering, AM/FM stereo, single CD with MP3 playback stereo system, Sirius-XM satellite radio, OnStar and much more! Stock #: 12115

Year End Blitz Price: \$29,995.00 *

2011 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Extended Cab: Contractor's Edition! Extended cab complete with 8' box, 6.2 litre V8, 6 speed automatic transmission, air conditioning, Z71 On-Off Road package, factory hitch, power windows, locks and mirrors, bucket seats with power driver's seat, remote vehicle start, custom aluminum wheels, 8" oval assist steps, cruise control, AM/FM/CD/MP3 stereo with XM Satellite Radio, OnStar, tilt steering, remote keyless entry, remote start and much more! Stock #: 11395

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Highlander events



Photo submitted by Chris Birrell
The snow machines are out and pumping out powder at Sir Sam's for the upcoming season which opens on Dec. 6.

It's coming... A CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS!

Santa Claus Parade

Friday, November 23
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a...

**Spectacular evening
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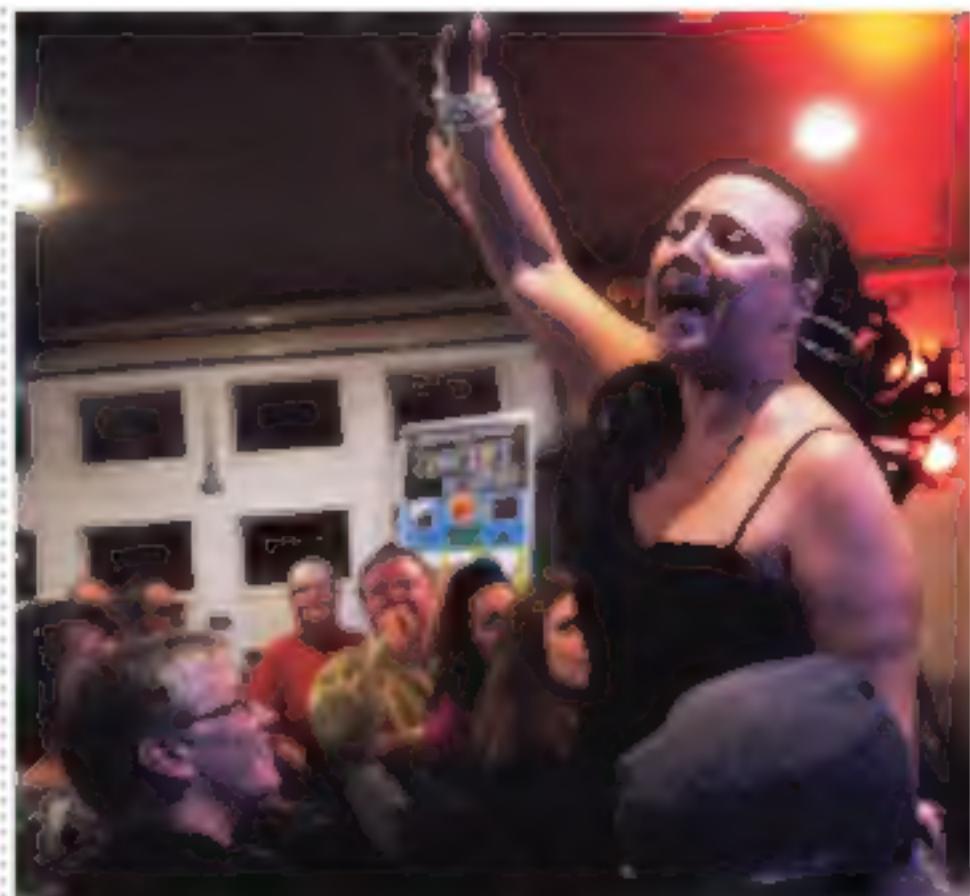


Photo by George Farrell
Miss Robin Banks, ably assisted by her All Star Blues Band was simply scintillating on Nov. 3. Her sold out show at the Dominion Hotel was another in the 'Canadian Blues Legends' series. A standing ovation at the end of the show produced the desired encore and everyone went away exhilarated and exhausted. It was quite a night.

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Friday November 23
2pm—8pm

Saturday November 24
10am—8pm

Sunday November 25
12pm—4pm

Visit this Christmas Wonderland with uniquely decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands and gift baskets. Simply purchase raffle tickets and drop them in a corresponding box to the item(s) you would like to win! Raffle tickets are 8 for \$5. One ticket is drawn from each box on Sunday, November 25 at 3pm. Winners are notified the next day.

Also visit the Sugar Plum Candy Shop and Silver Bell Gift Shop.
Admission: Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Children (5-15) \$2 Families \$10
(This is an annual fundraiser for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre community programming.)



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East Moore Lake \$319,900



- Private 1.67 acres - 340 ft.age
- Mountain shoreline, expansive view
- Modern, open concept 1,046 sq ft.
- Lots of pine, floor to ceiling wood fireplace
- Custom kitchen, room for laundry
- Shows to perfection!

Long Lake View - \$179,900



- Great views of storage overlooking lake
- Southern exposure, screened porch
- Country kitchen, 3 seasons kitchenette
- Bright sunroom with walk-out to porch access
- Garage, storage building, workshop/bonus
- Close to town and water access



Cindy Bell
705-457-2414
ext 214

Family Home \$324,800



- 1,650 sq ft. 3 bedrooms
- Deeded access to Rock Lake
- 4 + 1 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 1,650 sq ft
- 10 x 30 ft garage with 10 ft. overhead
- Finished lower level with 10 ft. ceiling

Home with In-Law Suite \$249,900



- 2,200 private property, views
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2,200 sq ft. property
- Two round stone pillars
- 10 x 12 attached garage, workshop
- Finished lower level with 10 ft. ceiling



Marcia Bell
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Lindsay Elder
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Please call Lindsay Elder
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Dove Lake \$209,000



Larry Murray
705-457-2414
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Minden Lake \$250,000



- wh house - minutes to Minden
- 1,200 sq ft bungalow, large double garage
- full walkout basement
- gently sloping in water
- park like setting, decking & deck

4 Season Retreat \$3220,900



- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,610 sq ft
- 100 ft sandy waterfront, 144 ft. deep
- Newly enlarged, extensive decking
- Central air, heat pump, furnace
- Garage completely finished

Brand New Home \$339,900



- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 1,420 sq ft
- Detached, cedar shingle roof
- Extensive deck & deck area
- Full finished lower walkout level
- Double front lot with natural exposure



Chris James
705-457-2414
ext 25

Little Hawk Area \$235,000



- 1,800 sq ft. 3 bedrooms
- Large walk in pantry access
- Walkout to rear deck with views
- Short drive to River Lake Township
- Double car garage & large covered lanai

Salerno Lake \$149,000



Hal Johnson
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ext 229



Susan
Johnson
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Blue Lake - \$349,000

- 1.25 flat land beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3 + 1 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 1,600 sq ft
- Fully equipped, insulated boathouse
- 2 bay detached garage
- Gated access, no thru traffic to dock



Country Line \$239,000

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1,600 sq ft
- Large deck overlooking Country Line
- New kitchen, stainless steel, granite, updated
- Master with ensuite, open concept, walkout
- Large living & multi-level living spaces



Diane
Knapp
705-488-3077



Crystal Lake - Classic \$250,000

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1,600 sq ft
- Whistler theme, large open kitchen
- Large deck, 100% covered porch
- New deck and deck, laminate in stairs
- Located on the rock line, great view
- 100 ft of clean shoreline, great swimming



Salerno Lake West \$199,000

- 3 bedrooms open concept
- New kitchen cupboards
- Updated windows, furnace
- Updated circuit, new garage
- Clean water off deck
- Great swimming, wet surround

Spectacular Redstone



Lake \$549,000

- New custom built home/cottage
- Full wrap around wooden balcony
- Fine kitchen, floor to ceiling fireplace
- ICF foundation, 10 ft. x 16 ft. deck
- Clean and spacious with cedar exposure

Hiawatha Bay \$200,000



- 1.5 acre lot with cedar exposure
- Clean deck water at dock end
- Modern open concept with lots of pine
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, furnace
- Stone fireplace to ceiling fireplace



Anthony
van Lierop
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ext 27



2315 Loop Road \$125,000

- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,000 sq ft
- Walkout basement
- Large deck
- Large deck, walkout to deck
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- View of Rock Lake



Gooderham/Pine Lake \$160,000

- 3 bedrooms, clean, modern & spacious
- Open concept cottage, hot to the left
- Large deck, wrap around
- Bedding, walk-in closet, deck
- Walk through to deep dining
- Large shower in walk-in closet
- Large furnished & modern interior



Chris &
Michelle
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Lori Roberts
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Great In Town Location

\$129,000

- 2 + 1 bedrooms, 1 bath
- Full wrap around wooden balcony
- Open concept with many upgrades
- Large covered porch & deck area
- Crisp white, lots of light



Modern Log Home/Cottage

\$129,000

- 1.5 acres with 40 ft. frontage
- Porch for an outdoor room
- Upgraded cedar shingle
- Master bedroom left with balcony
- Private setting with your private access



Christmas is coming to the Rail's End Gallery & Arts Centre

Friday Nov. 23, 6:30 pm

Watch for us marching in the Haliburton Village Parade!

Saturday Nov. 24 noon - 2 pm

Meet Santa and make Christmas crafts in the Main Gallery (FREE). Get your picture taken by The Photo Shop with Santa for \$3, or bring your own camera. Gallery Shop is open year round featuring original art and crafts by over 60 local artists. Find the perfect Christmas gift!

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8 pm

Community Drum Circle.

Please call ahead to let us know you are coming 705-457-2330. All welcome!